

October 20

Highlights

Courtesy call by the Georgian Ambassador to Ireland

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Town Twinning of Castlebar and Hochstadt, Germany.

Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



CoVID-19

From midnight on Tuesday 06th October, the county has moved to Level 3 under the Plan for Living with COVID-19. Following the guidance laid out in this plan, the following public buildings and venues will close for three weeks.

- All Mayo County Council Libraries (A call and collect service will remain in place).
- All Mayo County Council Museums and Art Centres.

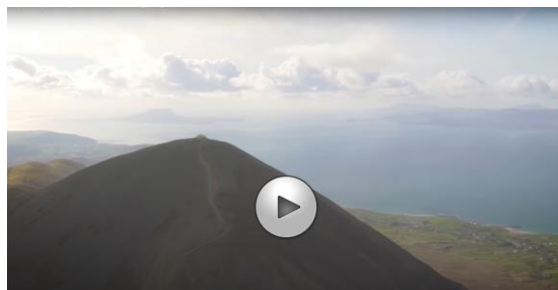
Swimming pools and Gyms will remain open with additional restrictions.

Our offices remain open, as do our public receptions, however, keeping our safety, and the safety of the public in mind, we are encouraging the public to make every effort to do their business with us online or over the phone.

Whilst Mayo has some of the lowest Covid-19 numbers in the country, we are at a critical juncture now with the numbers of confirmed cases increasing nationally. We must double down on our efforts to combat the spread of the virus.

Together with the HSE and An Garda Síochána, the Council has launched an appeal to the Mayo public in the fight against Covid-19. The appeal includes contributions from well-known Mayo sports personalities Andy Moran and Maeve Gallagher, along with our Cathaoirleach, Cllr Richard Finn. This video appeal has been shared across all of our social media platforms and was picked up nationally by RTE six one news.

<https://youtu.be/Lsp5bA5EdBM>



I will continue to work with the HSE and An Garda Síochána in our efforts in limiting the spread of CoVID.

Dates to Note



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The Planning statistics for September are as follows:

- Applications received - 79
- Decisions to grant - 71
- Decision to refuse - 7
- Applications in hand - 129
- Preplanning applications - 12
- Preplanning meetings (Phone & email) - 101
- Appeals to An Bord Pleanála 2 & 1 Leave To Appeal

Dates to Note

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development

Catherine Mc Connell



Retirement: 1 Light Equipment Operator.

Appointments: Emergency Control Operators in September.

Leavers: 26 Seasonal – Beach Lifeguards and 1 Clerical Officer.

Interviews / Shortlisting

Shortlisting Boards for the General Operative Competition.

Shortlisting Board for Clerical Officer Competition.

Campaigns Advertised

1. Executive Librarian (Open) – Closing date 8-Oct-2020.

FOIs

8 FOIs for month September.

Insurance

1. Public Liability -----13 Claims.
2. Motor Claims ----- 1 Claim.

Library Service

€100k secured in Small Scale Capital Works Funding towards Castlebar Library, Ballyhaunis Library and Ballinrobe Library repairs.

200 children have received certificates for taking part in a much-curtailed Summer Reading Scheme.

Thomas Ashe banner installed and new mural commemorating War of Independence to be installed in Jackie Clarke Collection.

Property

Ongoing Covid-related facility management and renovations.

New lease alert system.

Finalisation of property acquisition (lands at Cloonagh, Castlebar).

Corporate Communications

Public Information Updates

Covid-19 daily public health messaging, do not consume water notice on Achill Island, Lifting of Do not consume notice, Traffic Disruption, Water disruption, Weather alerts.

Media

Responses issued to media requests locally and nationally across a variety of queries. Press releases issued on Local Authority matters including Roadside Hedge-cutting, Mayo Culture night reimagined, Local Property Tax, Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation, Leeson Enterprise Centre, Video Appeal to the Mayo Public to play their part in the fight against Covid-19.

Virtual Events

Live Streamed event hosted on Mayo.ie to celebrate 20-year twinning of Hochstadt and Castlebar.

Targeted Campaigns Volunteer Week, Mayo Culture night, Make Way Day, National Bike week, Micro Enterprise Assistance, Lunch and Learn seminars in association with LEO Mayo, Mayo Ideas Week, National Fitness Day, Staycations in Mayo in association with Midwest Radio.

Road Safety Awareness

Staying safe on the roads in Autumn. Return to school Safely, Safe at work campaign.

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Tender Process complete for the Construction of a new Fire Station at Crossmolina, Co. Mayo.

Dates to note:

5th to 12th October 2020
National Fire Safety Week
Theme:
"Smoke Alarms Save Lives"
or "Sábhálann aláirim
deataigh beathaí".

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Emergency Services



John Condon

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement Team

- **Anti Dumping Initiative** - Free Bulky waste day in Knock on 5th September, where 9 X 40ft trailers of bulky waste was removed.
- **Anti Dumping Initiative** – scheduled removal of 30 End of life vehicles from Inisbiggle Island.
- Continued inspection of fuel retailers under the new "Smoky Coal Ban" in the areas of Castlebar and Ballina.

Civic Amenity sites

- Installation of 4.2kw solar PV system at Derrinumera under the Better Energy Communities Programme.
- Installation of cavity wall insulation at Derrinumera under the Better Energy Communities Programme.
- Continued recycling service provided to over 5,000 customers at both Civic Amenity sites i.e. Derrinumera and Rathreen.

Crossmolina Fire Station

The Tender process has been completed for the construction of a new Fire Station at Crossmolina. The lowest tender is the preferred tender and approval has been sought from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to proceed to the construction stage.



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- Green Flags for 7 Mayo Public Realm & Green Spaces. 2 managed by MCC (Jackie Clarke & Turlough Park) and the remainder supported by MCC.
- Housing SPC held on the 24th September.
- LTACC held on the 24th September where a Traveller representative was appointed to the vice chairperson position of the LTACC.

Housing and Architectural Services

Simon Shevlin



Housing

Rebuilding Ireland 2016-2021

- Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021.
 - Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708 however County Council will endeavour to exceed this figure.
- Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:
- 485 units have been completed with another 264 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

- 17 houses delivered under the HAP scheme.
 - 6 houses delivered under the RAS scheme.
- This gives a total of 2,145 households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo. (1,342 HAP; 567 RAS (P); 236 RAS (V)).

Leasing

In July and August 2020, the following were delivered:

- 2 houses under STL.
- 7 houses under RLS

This give a total of 236 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo (225 STL; 10 RLS; 1 LTL).

Refugee Resettlement

174 persons accommodated to date (158 Mayo County Council and 16 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation).

Homelessness

13 presentations for September. 68 presentations to date in 2020.

Architectural Services

- Ongoing development of 15 Housing projects throughout the County in conjunction with Housing Central.
- Oversight of all Architectural projects throughout the MDs.
- Ongoing developments of large public civic projects, such as the Ballina Military Barracks and Mary Robinson Centre, including the completion of Stage 2 of tender process for the interpretation and fit out of the Mary Robinson Centre.

Heritage

- Funding secured under the National Biodiversity Action Plan for Mayo Wetlands Survey Database.
- Application submitted to Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Communities Monument Fund and advised applicants to Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme.

Conservation

- Ballinrobe Library: Phase 1 Architectural conservation works completed.
- Historic Towns Initiative 2020 Ballina: Contracts were signed for six projects in the historic core of Ballina to support the adaptive re-use of vacant properties and allow for repairs to facades within the Pearse Street ACA.
- Ballysakeery Glebe House: Funding secured from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for urgent stabilisation works at Ballysakeery Glebe House.

Parks

- The opening of new recreational facilities in Achill Sound, and Aghagower.
- Commencement of the annual treatment of Japanese knotweed programme, which will cover over 2000 locations county wide.

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- Culture Night (18th Sept) was a mixture of online and offline events with over 30 venues participating. There were over 39,000 online engagements and 183 visits to actual live events.

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- Mayo Social Inclusion Week runs from 12th – 18th October.

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Community & Integrated Development, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Ongoing work on co-ordinating applications for Town & Village Renewal, CLAR and Community Enhancement Programmes.
- 'Rest of County' Oweninny Community benefit Fund application process has been advertised
- €147,000 allocated to Mayo Sports Partnership under Dormant Account Funding Castlebar & Ballinrobe Sports Hubs, Ballina Urban Adventure Initiative, Disability Equipment, Volunteers Supports and Youth Leadership
- The Sports Small Grant Scheme was launched on the 28th September for participation and volunteer training initiatives. Closing date 23rd October.
- Childcare Committee continues to provide support on operating within Covid-19 guidelines: planning infection control, updating layout of buildings, developing policies and procedures and undertaking risk assessments.

Enterprise & Investment Unit

- A LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee took place on 22nd September with 4 projects supported to a value of €103,769.
- The Mayo Food and Drink Strategy 2020-2025 was launched on 25th September as part of Mayo Ideas Week 2020. As part of this week LEO Mayo also ran an online workshop 'Customs Formalities & Trade with Third Countries' in preparation for Brexit.
- **AEC:** An interactive map of the individual enterprise hubs and the remote working services they provide is available on the Atlantic Economic Corridor website; <https://www.atlanticeconomiccorridor.ie/hubs-map/>
- Renewable Electricity Support Scheme success for a joint application to develop a Solar Farm in Lisduff, Claremorris by Mayo County Council and Claremorris & Western District Energy Co-operative.
- **BROADBAND OFFICE:** Wifi4EU - Westnet are currently installing equipment in Crossmolina and Balla with the other 7 towns scheduled for installation of the free public Wi-Fi service between now and December.
- Broadband Connection Points in Killasser and Taugheen have had the final piece of technical equipment installed by Vodafone. Four more sites have installations scheduled for October.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Improvement works are underway on following capital projects – Greenway (Mulranny 4km), Moore Hall, Bangor Trail, VeloRail Kiltimagh, Erris Head, Bowers Ballinrobe.
- Planning and design underway for Greenway and Trails network, Keem Bay Discovery Centre, Erris Adventure Bridge and Moore Hall Masterplan.
- Application submitted for ORIS Measure 1 Schemes (7 locations).
- Work is underway on design and production of a new Mayo Tourism Guide 2021 and new Greenway website.



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Contract award of the N26 Re-alignment at Cloongullane Bridge awaiting TII approval.

Part 8 Planning approved for N17/R320 Lisduff, Claremorris. CPO statutory period concluded on the 21st August.

N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1 Project Appraisal Plan submitted to TII for approval.

Works on the R312 Glenisland Scheme is ongoing. Tender for the Bridge Construction has been received and currently being assessed.

Dates to Note

Requests have been sent to both DTTAS & TII to facilitate a meeting with a delegation from the Roads and Transportation SPC.

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Wills BAM JV progressing earthworks at various locations along scheme. Construction of some of the bridges has also commenced.
- N59 Kilmeena scheme is complete except for snagging.
- N60 Lagnamuck complete except for snagging and landscaping works.
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanála for approval to take place in January 2021.
- The Works on the N59 Pavement Inlay Contract 2020 at Sandymount, Newport, are now completed.
- Works on the N26 Swinford – Foxford Road Pavement Overlay 2020 at Cloongowan & Carrowbeg and N84 Shrule – Kilmaine Road at Tobernadarry have now commenced.
- Pavement Overlays Contracts and they are now due to commence shortly: - N17 Charlestown – Kilkelly Road at Temple, & N84 South of Castlebar to Ballyheane, N17 Charlestown Streets & N60 Castlebar – Balla Road at Manulla & Carrownurlar.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works have been awarded for the Refurbishment of the following Bridges: -

- Regional Road R315 Addergoole Bridge, Lahardaun, Local Road L-57073 Castlehill River Bridge, Local Road L-1809 Claireen Bridge, Ballintubber, Local Road L-5283 Creggan, Ballycroy Bridge, Regional Road R335 Cregganbaun Bridge, Louisburgh.
- Tenders for Bridge Rehabilitation Works for a further 5 No Bridges have been published.

Procurement & Efficiency

- Tender published for Public Lighting for 6 LA's currently being evaluated.
- Tender for bathing water monitoring (awarded).
- Feasibility study for Recreational Trail Ballina – Enniscrone.
- Contract awarded for Japanese Knotweed treatment (awarded).
- Delivered training to staff involved in Leader funding oversight.
- Internal Audit Services (tendered).

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2020 Adopted Budget
eight months ended 31st August 2020

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Service		Exp. To Date	Budget	Remaining	% Spent	Inc. To Date	Budget	Not Rec'd	% Rec'd
Division	Description	Aug-20	2020	2020	2020	Aug-20	2020	2020	2020
		€	€	€		€	€	€	
A	Housing and Building	11,079,045	16,787,251	5,708,206	66%	11,247,577	17,140,159	5,892,582	66%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	23,870,079	40,161,103	16,291,024	59%	19,170,582	33,766,003	14,595,421	57%
C	Water Services	9,549,943	16,646,566	7,096,623	57%	11,132,275	19,986,244	8,853,969	56%
D	Development Management	13,916,749	12,593,741	-1,323,008	111%	8,703,621	4,010,066	-4,693,555	217%
E	Environmental Services	10,018,888	16,477,347	6,458,459	61%	3,186,128	5,642,900	2,456,772	56%
F	Recreation and Amenity	6,527,220	10,434,578	3,907,358	63%	1,391,109	3,340,580	1,949,471	42%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,001,822	1,789,219	787,397	56%	393,685	584,250	190,565	67%
H	Miscellaneous Services	11,695,048	13,200,546	1,505,498	89%	4,013,483	6,504,929	2,491,446	62%
J	Central Management Charges	13,678,028	19,970,850	6,292,822	68%	1,000,000	1,500,000	500,000	67%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	23,030,236	35,773,727	12,743,491	64%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	13,208,229	19,812,344	6,604,115	67%
GRAND TOTAL		101,336,821	148,061,201	46,724,380	68%	96,476,926	148,061,201	51,584,275	65%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for	Collected	Arrears	%
	collection	Aug-20	Aug-20	Collected
Rents	6,095,217	4,975,138	1,120,079	82%
Rates	38,371,886	17,094,725	21,277,161	45%
Housing Loans	3,101,246	2,189,620	911,626	71%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	29
Estimated Interest incurred	2,336

